General Plan Program Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting #6 - October 27, 2003

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the General Plan program held its sixth meeting on Monday, October 27, 2003 at 3:00 P.M. on the 5th floor of City Hall, in the large conference room. Attendees were as follows:

TAC Members

Fran Dunajski, Traffic Engineer, Public Works
Conrad Guzkowski, Redevelopment Program Manager
Mike Bacich for Gerry Buydos, Riverside Public Utilities
Bob Johnson, Senior Park Planner
Kathy Gonzales, Deputy City Attorney
Anne Palatino, RTA
Ed Studor, Riverside County
Don Hull, Senior Code Compliance Officer
Kristin Tillquist, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
Eric Charrettee for Lt. John De La Rosa

City Staff

Diane Jenkins, Senior Planner Patricia Brenes, Associate Planner Robert Laag, Jr. Planning Intern

Consultant Team

John Cook, Cotton/Bridges/Associates Brian Boecking, Cotton/Bridges/Associates Gary Hamrick, Meyer, Mohaddes Associates Janet Harvey, Meyer, Mohaddes Associates

Diane Jenkins and John Cook kicked off the meeting with introductions.

No one in the group reported any changes or corrections to the minutes from the September 8, 2003 TAC meeting.

John Cook provided a brief update of the General Plan program. He thanked members of the TAC for participating in the Citizens' Congress on September 13 and stated that staff would be receiving copies of public comment received at the event.

Next, Gary Hamrick of Meyer, Mohaddes & Associates gave a presentation on the circulation element of the General Plan. The presentation included the basics of circulation element content and organization as well as the technical scope of work.

He stated that Riverside is somewhat different from other cities in that its roadway classification system is organized largely around road widths rather than road purposes. . He distinguished between the City's functional roadway classification map, which showed planned conditions, and existing conditions. Hamrick then outlined the background work that has already been done, including traffic counts and analysis of key intersections. Of the 100 street segments counted in 2003, the busiest were Van Buren north of Arlington and Alessandro between Chicago and Trautwein.

Hamrick presented several of the key issues thus far identified that the Circulation Element would need to address. These included:

- Overall growth impacts
- UCR Master Plan
- Connectivity to Adjacent Cities
- Freeway Access/Freeway Growth
- Neighborhood cut-throughs
- Overlook Parkway Connection
- Central Avenue Connection
- Rail crossings more at grade crossings

Jenkins asked Hamrick what further information he needed from TAC members in order to conduct the initial run of the traffic model. Hamrick replied that he has already been in contact with several departments and agencies obtaining this information. TAC members asked a few additional questions about related issues.

Cook stated that the next meeting date and topic for the TAC had yet to be determined conclusively and that City staff would apprise all members of upcoming meetings.

At 3:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.